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116. Apparatus as in Claim 115 further including means for delivering control information independently of content information that is to be controlled by said control information.

117. Apparatus as in Claim 115 further including means for allowing a value chain participant to stipulate at least one aspect of information privacy control.

REMARKS

Some of the claims in the current application correspond to claims in parent application Serial No. 08/699,712, which was filed on August 12, 1996, and amended on December 7, 1998. In an Office Action dated April 19, 1999, the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims as being anticipated by the prior art.

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that new Claims 101-106 correspond to Claims 66-71 in the amended parent application. Applicants respectfully suggest that the recited art does not disclose, for example, the step of "requiring compensation from a second environment participant based, at least in part, on providing usage information related to said digital event." For at least this reason, Applicant submits that new Claims 101-106 are allowable over the prior art cited in the parent application.

New Claims 107-114 also correspond to Claims 90-98 in the amended parent application. Applicants respectfully suggest that the recited art, among other things, does not disclose providing a first portion of reported usage information to a first system service in a form rendering the portion unusable at the first system service, and

service in a form rendering the portion unusable at the first system service, and communicating at least a portion of said portion to a digital information rightholder, which uses it. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 107-114 are allowable over the prior art cited in the parent application.

Furthermore, new Claims 115-117 correspond to Claims 190-192, in the amended parent application. Applicants respectfully suggest that the recited art, for example, does not disclose "means for requiring compensation from a second system participant based, at least in part, on providing usage information related to said digital event." For this reason, Applicants submit that new Claims 115-117 are also allowable over the prior art cited in the parent application.

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